

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Request for non-entry of un-entered Amendments

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, entry of this Preliminary Amendment, in lieu of all other amendments, is respectfully requested. The Director is requested to not enter any unentered amendment.

Status of the claims

Upon entry of this Paper, claims 1 through 36 will be pending.

Amendment of the claims

Independent claim 1 is amended to conform tense and syntax.

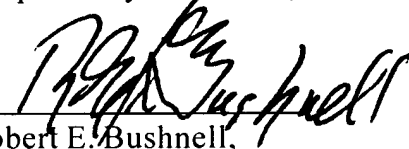
Rejection of Claims 1-36 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-36 have again been variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Azema *et al.* (Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-334685) in view of Azema (U.S. Patent No. 5,705,290) or obvious over Yamashita (Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-169506) in view of Aaltonen (U.S. Patent No. 6,824,917) or as obvious over Azema *et al.* in view of Azema '290 and further in view of Cho (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0077484) or as obvious over Yamashita in view of Aaltonen and further in view of Azema *et al.*

In view of the foregoing explanation and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and its requisite fee accompany this Preliminary Amendment. Should the check become lost, be deficient in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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